



Loudoun County Sheriff's Office

Crime Prevention Unit



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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Important Numbers:

- * **Emergency 911**
- * **Non-Emergency**
703-777-1021
703-777-0445
- * **Poison Control**
1-800-222-1222
- Animal Control**
703-777-0406
- * **Sheriff's Office Admin**
703-777-0407
- * **Narcotic Tip Line**
703-779-0552
- * **Crime Solvers**
703-777-1919

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Residential Burglaries

There were a number of residential burglaries that took place during the month of August. In nearly every case the burglars struck during times where no one would be home, 6:00 am and 6:00pm. This time frame is the primary time for burglaries across the US. The primary items that burglars are looking for are still small electronic devices such as IPODS, gaming systems, laptops, cameras, jewelry, and DVD's and video games. During the August incidents some homes were burglarized by forcing entry (breaking windows, locks etc.) in others the burglars found windows or doors unlocked and gained entry without having to force entry.

TIPS:

When you are not at home **all doors and windows** should be locked.

Do not keep expensive jewelry out in the open. Hide it in area where burglars would not expect to find it. IE: Shoe box in the linen closet.

Bag all of your trash so burglars cannot predict what may be in the home.

Check window and door locks to make sure they are in good condition. With colder weather already here, wooden doors and windows will shrink and locks may not fit as good as they did during the summer months.

Keep serial numbers documented for any electrical devices. For jewelry take a digital photo and print it out. Store

these documents in a safe place. These pieces of information can make it easier for law enforcement recover stole property.

If you are at home during the day time keep an extra eye out on your neighborhood. Immediately report any suspicious persons you see around the area.

When in doubt call the Sheriff's Office. We are trained to sort through the details and make a decision about the presence of a person in your neighborhood.

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency:

703-777-1021

School Starts September 8th

It that time of year again and soon the kids will be back in school. As the kids again head to school we caution everyone about their driving habits. It's been a few months since we have been looking for kids walking to school or seen

the every familiar school bus.

Remember:

Pedestrians have the right of way in crosswalks.

You must stop for school buses when their flashing lights area activated and

they are loading or unloading students.

Please report any suspicious persons you see in your neighborhood. Especially around bus pick-up and drop off times.



Frequently Asked Questions

If you would like to have a question answered, please e-mail the question to Nathaniel.Payne@loudoun.gov or James.Spurlock@loudoun.gov

Thefts from Vehicles

Larceny from Vehicles 2009:

January: 86

April: 69

July: 128

February: 120

May: 80

August: 83

March: 103

June: 143

Solicitor Regulations

We are at the height of the season where we will see an increase in solicitors in our area. In many cases these businesses are legitimate and are providing their customers a service. In other cases these businesses are less than scrupulous and use high pressure sales tactics and intimidation to make sales.

All solicitors that operate inside the county are required to register with the Sheriff's Office. As part of this registration a background check is completed and information on the employer is obtained. Through this process, anyone approved to solicit is issued an identification card showing there are a registered solicitor. (See Pictures). All solicitors are required to display and upon request, provide it to any person they are contacting as a solicitation for businesses within the solicit.

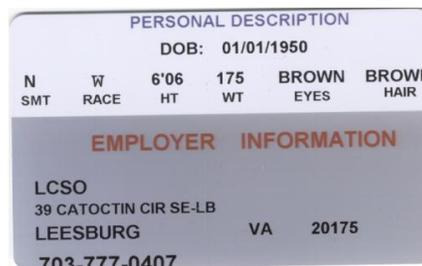
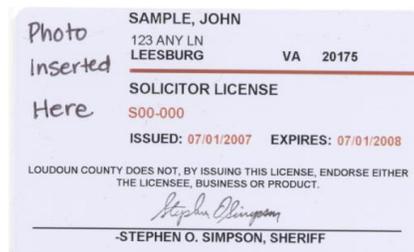
In addition to registering and tracking would be solicitors this process also hold solicitors to a code of conduct Should a solicitor violate

this code of conduct then their privilege will be revoked and they will not be authorized to solicit within Loudoun County for a period of one year.

This code of conduct can be found online at:

www.loudoun.gov

Any person who witnesses a violation of this code of conduct or encounters a solicitor who refuses to provide their county issued solicitor permit or does not have a permit should contact the Sheriff's Office at the non-emergency number and report the incident immediately. Deputies will follow up and check the area for the solicitor. If the case warrants, deputies have the option to issue a summons for a violation of the county solicitor ordinance.



Upcoming events

September 15, 2009: Home Security Dulles South Safety Center 7pm

September 21, 2009: Lowes Island Community Meeting: Lowes Island Elem. School: 7pm

September 26, 2009: Shred Event: Purcellville Town Office 9am to 12pm.

September 30, 2009: Home Security Ashburn Library 7pm

October 13, 2009: Home Security Lakes Rec. Center Ashburn Village 7pm